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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gregory A. Holmes

Appln No: 10/713,569

Examiner: Mayes, Dionne Walls

Filed: November 13, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1731

For: Equipment and Methods for
Manufacturing Cigarettes

Attorney Docket No.: 11867/24

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Respectfully submitted,

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Marc V. Richards (Reg. No. 37,921)

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.